Statement

Area Covered under Micro Irrigation in India as on 31.10.2008 (Ha)

Sl.No.	State	Drip	Sprinkler	Total
1	Rajasthan	17002	706813	723815
2	Maharashtra	482341	214674	697015
3	Haryana	7136	518367	525502
4	Andhra Pradesh	363073	200950	564023
5	Karnataka	177326	228621	405947
6	Gujarat	169689	136284	305973
7	Tamil Nadu	131335	27186	158521
8	West Bengal	146	150031	150177
9	MP	20432	117685	138117
10	Chhattisgarh	3648	59270	62919
11	Orissa	3629	23466	27095
12	UP	10675	10589	21264
13	Punjab	11730	10511	22241
14	Kerala	14119	2516	16635
15	Sikkim	80	10030	10110
16	Nagaland	NA	3962	3962
17	Goa	762	332	1094
18	HP	116	581	696
19	Arunachal Pradesh	613	NA	613
20	Jharkhand	133	365	498
21	Bihar	163	206	369
22	Others	15000	30000	45000
	Grand TOTAL	1429404	2452680	3882084

Source: National Committee on Plastics in Horticulture. (NCPAH)

Insurance scheme for plantation sector

2030.SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Group of Ministers on plantation industry headed by the Union Agriculture Minister decided to convene a meeting of Chief Ministers of States in December, to review subsidy formula for Rs. 729 crore insurance scheme for plantation sector;

(b) if so, the outcome of the meeting held;

(c) whether India can achieve 30 per cent forest cover by promoting agro forestry; and

(d) if so, the concrete measures and steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Group of Ministers (GOM) constituted by the Government to consider the proposal on Crop Insurance Scheme for Tea, Rubber, Tobacco and Spices decided in its meeting held on 5th November, 2008 to discuss the issue of sharing premium subsidy between the Centre and the. State Governments in the meeting of Chief Ministers of States. The outcome of the meeting would be known after the meeting of the Chief Ministers.

(c) and (d) The National Mission for Green India envisages national goal of having 1/3rd of land are (*i.e.* 30% by the end of 12th Five Year Plan) of the country under forest and tree cover through plantation and regeneration by involving JFM committees; Panchayats; State Forest Departments and other concerned agencies. The agro forestry is one of the components of the approach to promote forest and tree covers.

Horticulture and floriculture research centres

2031. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details and locations of Horticulture and Floriculture Research Centres functioning in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up some more such Centres in the country especially in Gujarat;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds released for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Please see attached Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Please see attached Statement-II.

Statement-I

States	Horticulture Institutes/ NRCs	Regional Stations
1	2	3
Jammu & Kashmir	Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture, Srinagar	
Himachal Pradesh	National Research Centre on Mushroom, Solan Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla	Central Potato Research Station, Kufri, Shimla